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SUBJ: ENERGY - PERUVIAN REQUEST FOR AVGAS

REFS: STATE 39578, LIMA 1421 AND PREVIOUS

1. DRAWING ON STATE REFTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMED PETROPERU OFFICIAL MARCH 1 THAT WHILE HARDSHIP COMMITTEE WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR AVGAS SWAP, NO EXEMPTION TO REGULAR GUIDELINES WOULD BE POSSIBLE. OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN THINKING OF HARDSHIP COMMITTEE MECHANISM AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE AND HAD, IN FACT, ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON DETAILS OF A SWAP WITH COASTAL ESTATES, A HOUSTON BASED REFINERY, WHEREBY PERU WOULD SUPPLY COASTAL WITH 80,000 BBLs. OF NAPHTHA IN RETURN FOR 40,000 BBLs. OF AVGAS PLUS SOME DIESEL NO. 2. PETROPERU PLANS FOLLOW COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED REFTEL AND WILL HAVE COASTAL SUBMIT HARDSHIP APPLICATION TO COMMERCE ASAP.

2. PETROPERU OFFICIAL REITERATED THAT, IF SWAP ARRANGEMENT FALLS THROUGH, PETROPERU DOES NOT KNOW WHERE IT WILL BE ABLE OBTAIN ITS 18,000 BBLs. A MONTH REQUIREMENTS OF AVGAS SINCE IT
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HAS TRIED AND FAILED TO OBTAIN ANY FROM REGULAR SOURCES WITH

FIFTY PERCENT OF FAP AND THIRTY PERCENT OF PERU'S COMMERCIAL AIR FLEET DEPENDENT ON AVGAS, ECONOMIC DISLOCATION COULD BE SERIOUS, PARTICULARLY FOR INTERIOR AREAS WHICH RELY HEAVILY ON REGULAR PROP SERVICE FOR SUPPLIES (SEE LIMA 1546). PERU PRESENTLY HAS SUPPLY OF AVGAS ONLY THROUGH FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

3. IN PASSING, OFFICIAL SAID THAT NAPHTHA FOR SWAP COMES FROM SAVINGS OF THIS FUELD GENERATED BY TWO-DAY DRIVING BAN (SEE LIMA 400) AND THAT PETROPERU'S UNOFFICIAL AND PRELIMINARY FIGURES INDICATE THAT BAN SAVED 8 PERCENT OF TOTAL CRUDE PETROLEUM IMPORTS DURING FEBRUARY.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT RESPONSE TO PETROPERU REQUEST AND WOULD, IF FEASIBLE, LIKE TO BE INFORMED WHEN HARDSHIP COMMITTEE MAKES ITS DECISION.
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